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An ASTROLOGICAL JUDGMENT On the Great and Wonderful Year 1688.

Deduced from the true and Genuine Principles of that Art: Shewing the Approaching *Cataſtrophe* of *Popery* in ENGLAND, &c.

Thou ſhalt not make unto thee any *Graven Image*.

Thou ſhalt not *bow down* thy ſelf to them, *Exod.* xx. v. 4, 5.

They Laviſh Gold out of the bag, and weigh Silver in the ballance, and hire a *Goldſmith*, and he *maketh it a God*: they *fall down*, yea they worſhip.

They *bear him* upon the *ſhoulder*; they carry him, and ſet him in his place, *Iſai.* 46. v. 6, 7.

And *Jehoſaphat* ſaid, is there not here a Prophet *of the Lord*, that we may inquire of him.

And the *King* ſaid, there is yet one man, by whom we may inquire, *but I hate him*; for he doth not prophecy *good* concerning me, but *evil*, 1 *Kings* 22. v. 7, 8.

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Haters of Popery, by what Names or Titles soever dignified or distinguished.

THus 'twas of old, when Israel felt the rod,
When they obey'd their Kings, and not their God;
When they went Whoreing after other Loves,
To worship Idols in new planted Groves,
They made their Gods of Silver, Wood and Stone,
And bow'd and Worshipt them when they had done.
And to compleat their sins in every way,
They made 'em things call'd Priests, Priests did I say,
A Crew Villians more than they.
Hence sprung that Romish Crew, first spawn'd in Hell,
Who now in vice their Pedagogues excel;
Their Church Consists of vicious Popes, the Rest
Are Whoreing Nuns, and bawdy Bugg'ring Priests.
A Noble Church! dawb'd with religious Paint,
Each Priest's a Stallion, every Rogue's a Saint.
Come you that Loath this Brood, this mudring Crew,
Your Predecessors well their mercys knew.
Take courage now, and be both bold and wise;
Stand for your Laws, Religion, Liberties.
You have the odds, the Law is still your own,
They're but your Traytors, therefore pull 'em down.
They struck with fear, seek to destroy your Laws.
They're raving mad, you see they fix their paws,
Because from them they fear their fatal fall,
And by them Laws, they know you'l hang 'em all.
Then keep your Laws, the Penal, and the Rest,
And give your Lives up, ere you give tee Test.
And thou great Church of England hold thy own,
Force you they may, otherwise give up none,
Robbers and Thieves must count for what they 've done.
Let all thy mighty pilliars now appear,
Zealous and brave, void both of hate and fear.
That Popish Fops may grin, lye, cheat and whine;
And curse their Faith, while all admire thine.
And thou Brave Oxford, Cambridg, and the Rest,
Great Hough and Fairfax, that durst beard the Beast,
Let all the Just with thanks record their name
On standing Pillas of immortal fame.

Let God arise, and his Enemies perish.

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JUDICIUM ASTROLOGICUM

Pro Anno. 1688.

THE first three Months of the Year are always considered from the positions of the Suns entrance into the Tropical sign *Capricorn*, which was [from the *Caroline Tables*] in 1687. on the eleventh of *December*, at 2 hours 24 minutes P. M. at which time three degrees of *Aquary* was on the M. C. and 7 degrees of *Gemini* on the Ascendent: *Saturn* is in 23 degree of *Libra*, in the sixth House: *Mars* in 26 degree of *Pisces*, in the eleventh, and *Jupiter* in conjunction with the *Sun*, in the eighth, in *Capricorn* his fall; *Cumbust* and *Occidental*, and *Venus* in the sixth in *Scorpio* her detriment. So that the two Fortunes are in a poor week condition, and none of the seven *Angulæ* but the *Moon*. At the *Preventional full Moon* all the Planets were under the Earth, except *Mars* and the *Moon*, and they in a *double* Square from the tenth and seventh Houses; and the *Sun* likewise in Square to *Mars*. At the *Postventional New Moon*, the *Sun* is in the tenth, and *Mars* in *Aries* in the *Ascendent*, in Square to *Jupiter* and *Mercury*. And now let us examin what will be the effects of these positions.

At the Ingress and the full Moon, the Planets are generally under the Earth, and in obscure Houses, which shews close *Consults*, *Counsils* and *Cabals* in divers places and parts of *Europe*, and that the principal part of this Quarter will be spent in debates, and affairs of that nature. The things in debate are *two*, and those are Religion and Dominion, or rather a power to impose the former upon mankind, the better to introduce some other projects. And this is shewed by the position of the *Sun* in conjunction with *Jupiter*, and he in Reception with *Mars*, *Jupiter* (you must observe) alwaies personates the *Clergy of Nations*, and they you know generally love to be concerned in Government, and accordingly he is here got under the *Suns* protection, who is the real Patron of Government and Rule: and *Mars* is to be his *Hector* to manage the affair by force, if no other way will do. But if *Bonatus* says true, They will be cruelly disappointed; for he says, the *Sun* in the eighth House *significat depressionem divitum & magnatum seu Mobilium*, &c. and in another place speaking of *Mars* in *Pisces*,

he says, *Mortem Magnatum & Divitum significat.* So that between *depression* and *death* they are like to lose their long lookt for, and wished for desire, to the great grief of *Mother Church* and her *Babes.* But yet to make it more clear that the thing is Religion, pray observe, that *Saturn*, who is Lord of the ninth and tenth Houses, hath been lately in *Sextile* with the *Sun*; and *Mercury* the little *foot-post* among the Stars, is in the *ninth House Retrograde*, and his first application is to the bodies of *Jupiter* and the *Sun*: from whence it is more than probable, that the design is so.

If we consider, that immediately after the Ingress, the *Sun*, *Jupiter* and *Mercury* meet in the beginning of *Capricorn*, and this in the eighth House, about which time we may conclude, that there was some considerable thing taken into consideration, that is fit and serviceable for the present Juncture of affairs: but while it is under consideration, the advantage propounded is spoiled. For *Mars* comes up presently after to the Square of *Mercury* and *Jupiter*, and the *Sun* shortly after to the Square of *Saturn*, which divides their Councils, and destroys the design; so that when *Mars* comes to the Opposition of *Saturn* in the end of *January*, or thereabouts, you may hear of *Favourites* turned out, and new ones entertained. Fresh *Dragooning* in *France*, or something like it, new attempts in *England*, to wheedle the people to chuse a *Parliament*, to destroy their Laws and Religion. But under the affects of that Opposition of *Saturn* and *Mars*, will be laid the project or design of some cursed attempt, to be performed about *June* following, for that opposition is celebrated upon a New Moon, from active parts of Heaven, attended by bad Aspects, and the *Sun* and *Moon* at the same time in Opposition to the places of the *last great triple Conjunction in Leo.* And *Bonatus* tells us, that *Mars* joined to *Saturn* by opposition, is of a pernicious consequence. *Insurgent enim in eos ex guerris, & nitentur contra eos*; and again he says, *Mars in Ariete significat victorium in bello civibus civitatum illarum: & habit atoribus illarum tregionum super inimicos eorum, qui venerint de aliis partibus ad illas causa nocendi eis.* That *Mars* in *Aries* signifies victory to the Citizens and Inhabitants of those Cities and Countries under that sign (I suppose he means if they have occasion to fight) and that they shall put to flight all those that come to offer them either Violence or injury. And to say the truth I do believe that Opposition with some other Positions and Configurations, will be

be the occasion of such differences, that will come both to blows and blood, in what part of the world I shall leave to time to shew; only this I will say, those *Cities* and *Countreys* under *Aries* and *Libra* will feel the smart of it.

The effects of this Querter will consist more of Consults, than Action, and the Contrivances thereof will be the work of the following Summer. And so I come to consider the Vernal Ingress of the *Sun*, which is March the ninth at 4. hours P. M. 1688. At the time mentioned of the *Suns* entrance into *Aries*, there is 2. degrees of *Gemini* on the M. C. and 9. degrees of *Virgo* Ascending; *Saturn* than in 23. degrees of *Libra*; *Jupiter* in 22. degrees of *Capricorn*; *Mars* in 24. degrees of *Taurus*, among the *Pleiades*; *Venus* in 18. degrees of *Aquary*; the *Moon* in 11. degrees of *Scorpio*; and *Mercury* in 12 degrees of *Aries*. The first and the principal think remarkable in this figure, is the Square of *Jupiter* and *Saturn* from *Cardinals signs*: and this of it self will bear the general sway in the effects of the three following Months, and ought to be considered two several ways. First from the *Aspect*, and secondly their *Position*. As to the *Aspect*: it never gives any thing, that is either sudden or very violent; but it stirs up *differences* and *Societies*, gives *Treacheries* and *Villanies*, with the discovery thereof; gives *Nations* and *Kingdoms* *suspitions* of their *Governors*. And this sometimes not without a cause; but it always begets *Troubles*, *Animosities*, *Differences*, and the like, from whence proceeds greater mischiefs, which certainly shew themselves by some great *Irruption* in the *State*, or alteration in the *Government* by the death of the then *King*, *Prince*, &c. And this the more certain if there be three Squares of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, as there are now, and be sure there effects fall always in those Countries subject to the Signs they are in, or their *Quadrangles*; but when they happen to be in *Cardinal Signs* (as they are now) then is their Effects the more famous and remarkable. And for the truth of this be pleased to consider the preceding Presidents of this kind, before the *cursed Popish plot* in 1678. there was a single Square of the two Superiors from *Gemini* and *Pisces*, here *London* and *England* also suffered sufficiently by that damned design of the *Papists*, and those *Villains* their *Accomplices*. In 1668. there was a single Square from *Aquary* and *Taurus*, this did not at all concern *England*, neither was that then disturbed. In the years 1657. and 1658. there was a triple Square of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, from *Libra* and *Capricorn*, and *Saturn* then opposite to the *Horoscope* of *England*

At that time there was murmurings and plottings against the then Oppressors, which at last was concluded with *Olivers Death*, and a general mutation in the Government, with divers others Changes and Alterations, as those that then lived, can well remember. Likewise when *Oliver* turned out the long *Parliament*, and took the *Government* on him, it was just after an *Opposition* of those two *Superiours*. In the year 1647. and 1648. there was then also a *triple Square* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* from *Gemini* and *Virgo*; What plotting contrivances there was then against the *Governments*, let the affairs of *Wales*, *Lancashire* and *Colchester*, inform you, which cost many *thousand men* their lives, and last of all the *King lost his head*. In the year 1637. and 1638. there was a triple Square of the two Superiours from *Libra* and *Capricorn*, and *Scorpio* and *Aquary*. What murmurings there then was among the People of all sorts, for their *Oppressions* they then laboured under, let History inform you, which was at last followed with a *War*, &c. I could go further in these *Historical passages*; but I think these five Examples are sufficient to prove, that a *triple Square* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* from *Cardinal Signs* doth certainly make an Irruption in the Government of *England*, and generally turn up the heels of it, especially when it stands tottering as at this time; and the first of them happens in *March* 1688. the second in *July*, in the same year, and the third the *January* following, which by the Grace of God will in time have their Effects also.

Secondly, as to their position, we find the one in the *third House*, and the other in the *fifth*, and nearly in *parallel*, without any *Configuration* or *Aspect* to any of the other Stars, and both under the Earth, which shews as if there were some designs in hand, that the *Managers* are either affraid or ashamed to have known; that they are few in number is plain from their position *sine Configurationibus*, and that they are very private from their being under the Earth in succedent Houses. In short, the *position* and the *Aspect* considered with *other things*, doth certainly presage some *villanous contrivance* by the *Papists*, which will be the ground of their Ruine, and when their turn is come, I hope the *Protestants* will not forget to *hang* them for all their *kindness* and *good nature* to us. And now if we consider *Mars*, who is the other Malefick, we shall find him in *Taurus* in the 24. degree thereof, and in Trine to *Jupiter* in the fifth, the House of Children, *Venus* in *Aquary* in the sixth, and

and the *Moon* in the third house cadent in *Scorpio*, that *Villanous*, *Treacherous*, *Cheating*, *Perfidious*, *Truce-breaking*, whoreing sign. And the first Aspect the *Moon* makes in the *Zodiack*, is the Square of *Venus*, then to the *Trine* of *Jupiter*, and lastly to the Opposition of *Mars*, and all these from that *Pious sign Scorpio*. Hence I judg that there is some *bawdy project* on foot, that must be managed by such people as are described by the *Moon* in *Scorpio*. And this is either about *buying*, *selling*, or *procuring* a *Child* or *Children* for some *pious use*. Perhaps it may be nothing else but the taking care of *Father Peters* his *Child* that he got on *Mrs. Betty* at the *Bath* last Summer; and that I may do you all the service I can, I will here describe what manner of made persons they are that are to be concerned in this *bawdy project*. And they are a sort of *scandalous*, *impudent*, *mercenary* people, that will sell or ruin their own Souls, to serve the cause they are dipt in, of a *fat corpulent Body*, not very tall, perhaps but short; for they are like the Moon in *Scorpio*, which may give both, but always fat or inclined to it. For a *Man Gadbury* the *Popes Astrologer* is exactly described both for body and mind, and for a *Woman* Mrs. *Cellier Midwife* to the *Popish plot*, who doth not come an Inch behind him, both for reputation and honesty.

But besides this, there may be other designs in hand suitable to this position; and that is some *Embassy*, or forreign *Message*, to be negotiated a few weeks after the Ingress, about a weighty affair now in hand, and since we find *Jupiter*, *Venus* and *Mars* to be concerned in it, the business may be about money, *Councils* and *Souldiers*. And the reason that induceth me to believe it to be beyond the Seas, is because the *Moon* is in the third, the House of *Journeys*, *Jupiter* in the fifth, the House of *Embassies* and *Ambassadors*, and *Mars* in the ninth, the House of *Long-Journeys* and *Voyages* by *Sea*: and that it is about *Souldiers* and *armed men*, because of the *Moon* and *Mars* in violent and pernicious parts of Heaven. But if you consider *Mercury* swift in motion, in his *Oriental Occidentality*, and separated from the *Sun* (who is in exact Sextile to the tenth) and next applys to the opposition of *Saturn* and Square of *Jupiter* in the *Zodiack*, and to the *Sextile* of *Venus* and *Square of Jupiter in Mundo*, all from *Aries*, the Ascendent of *England*. So you will see a fine Issue of these things a few days after the Ingress, whether it will be *Discoveries* of *Treachery* with loss of Honour and Court-favour, or Impeachments, or both, I will not take upon me to

determin; but the time you may expect it, will be in *April* and *June*. Perhaps when Thieves differ there may be some work for the Hangman.

But one thing more I shall observe from this *Ingress*, and that is, when *Saturn* and *Jupiter* make their second Square, which is in *July*. Then the *Sun* and *Mars* are in *Leo*, near the place of the last *great Conjunction*, and they both keep within ways, during their passage through that sign; why may not the *Turk* again feel the force of his Enemies Army, or *Italy* receive some disturbance from a neighbouring Invader?

In short, the figure of the *Ingress* doth not promise any great Action in publick, that is generous and brave; but abundance of *deceipt*, *wheedle*, *Tricking*, and such kind of base *underhand-dealing*, wrought in the dark, as the *Popish Faction* usually do. And now if the *Popish Juggler* in *Brick-Court* pleaseth to call this in question, that I do this year, I would advise him to leave off his Cant, and tell his Friends the truth if he is able, before it is too late, that they may provide for themselves. And so I come to consider the *Autumnal Ingress*, and that is, when the *Sun* enters the first scruple of *Libra*, which is this year, *September* the twelfth at 30. minutes, past six of the clock in the morning.

In this figure we find *Cardinal signs* possess the four *Angles*, which, according to some *learned Coxcombs* in our profession, is a mighty thing; but for my part I know no reason for it, nor they neither; but onely some *Bouncing Huffs* will impose, and find *easy People* to believe them. Any signs on the *Angles* with *Planets* in them, are great positions, but *cardinal signs* there without *Planets*, signify little; but *si populus vult decipi, &c.* but in this Figure we have three *Planets Angular*, and yet they signifie very little to the advantage of the position in general. For *Jupiter* is in his fall in opposition to the *Angle* of *dignity* and *grandeur*, and in Square to *Saturn*, and *Saturn* is in *Libra* his *Exaltation*, applying to the *Mundane parallel* of the *Sun*, and in the Ascendent also: of which thus speaks *Bonatus*, *Saturnus in Ascendente, significat mœrorem multorum hominum*, that it shews much grief and sorrow to many men. And if other positions and Aspects say true, it is more than probable too. And he says the same also of the position of *Mars* in the twelfth, which must be aggravated and increased by his being Combust, *Significat mœrem & tristitiam venturam*: and I judg, he might also have said, *Causa Criminum & Carceris*. for *Mars* in the twelfth house afflicting the *Sun*, gives sorrow, loss, imprisonment, and divers

divers other Calamities of that kind, and this to ſuch perſons as are ſignified by the *ſun* and *Mars*.

But what means the *ſun* in the twelfth, within ſix degrees of the Body of *Mars*, and not far from the body of *Saturn*, and this in *Libra* his fall? this is a poſition of pernicious conſequence, of which hear what *Bonatus* ſays: *Significat diminutionem atque depreſſionem divitum & Magnatum. Nobilium quoque & eorum mortem: corumque dignitatum ablationem: & injurias eis illatas ab ignobilibus.* It ſignifys, ſays he, the fall and depreſſion of great and noble men, and their death alſo: Loſs of their dignity, and affronts to them from the common people: and indeed whether *Bonatus* ſays ſo or not, Common reaſon will tell any man, that ſuch effects muſt be the conſequence of ſuch a poſition, if he underſtands Aſtrology: and as the *Sun* goes from the Body of *Mars*, ſo he apply's to the Body of *Saturn*, who is Lord of the Eighth from the tenth; and for that reaſon alſo ſeems to threaten death to great men in this Quarter, and perhaps a *King* or *Prince* too. For the *ſun* ſignifies *Kings*, &c. Beſides, the *Moon*, who is Lady of the tenth, the houſe of *Kings*, is haſtening to the Body of *Mars* and *Zodiacal parallel of Saturn*, which exceedingly ſtrengthens the fore-mentioned *Aphoriſm* and Judgment. I have ſeen a *Nativity* of a certain great Man in *Europe*, whoſe fate ſeems to agree with this poſition, and I care not much if I give you the particulars of his preſent impending directions and other adjuncts that the common Aſtrologers know nothing of. He hath *Leo* Aſcending, and the part of fortune giver of Life, which is directed to the points and Aſpects following, with the Arks of directions, and the time thereto agreeing.

	Which gives	years	And Months.	
Par. of Fortune ad oppoſit. Saturn. dd ---	Ark 57. 30	54		10
Sol ad par. Satur. in mundo dd --- ---	Ar. 58. 1	55		01
Par. Fortu. ad ſeſq: quad. Mercu mdo.dc	Ar. 58. 10	55		03
Jupit. ad par. rap. Saturn. mundo ---	Ar. 59. 0	56		02
Par. fortu. ad par. mund. Jupit. dd ---	Ar. 60. 44	57		08
Par. fortu. ad Quard. Venus, mundo. dd	Ar. 61. 40	58		07
Par. fortu. ad Biquin. Solis. dd --- ---	Ar. 61. 48	58		08
Par. fortu. ad par. Jupit. mundo. dc ---	Ar. 62. 20	59		02
Par. fortu. ad par. Rap. Martis mundo.	Ar. 62. 54	59		08
Par. fortu. ad quadr. Satur. mundo. dc	Ar. 63. 30	60		04
Par. fortu. ad ſexti. Martis mundo. dd	Ar. 64. 35	61		05
Par. fortu. ad Trinu. Mercur. mundo. dd	Ar. 65. 40	62		08
Luna ad quad. Saturn. mundo dd ---	Ar. 67. 1	63		05

Thus you ſee here are 13 directions, and the Major part of

 them,

begin to operate in and about the Month of October this present year, and the Question is, whether they have power to kill or not? I answer, yes, they may kill, and there is but one objection to hinder an Artist from being positive, and that is the *pars fortunæ ad par. Jupiter mdo dd.* according to *Ptolemey*, Lib. 3. Cap. 14 and indeed it might be Judged, that the direction would have defeated all the rest, with the assistance of the *Square of Venus*, had not *Jupiter* at the same time been directed to the *Parallel of Saturn in mundo motu Rapto*, and Venus by the same motion to the *Square of Saturn in mundo*: but perhaps some may object, and say, that I mention some directions that are far distant in degrees, and therefore they cannot signify much: to those I answer, let them read and study well that Chapter in Ptolomey, *de numero annorum Vitæ*, and perhaps they may understand it so far as to be satisfied. If they do not, it is not my fault: But I will here speak something in particular as an Artist, but it will be wholly different from the Common Astrological cant now in use.

The *Pars of fortune* is *Giver of Life*, out of the *Ecliptick*, and in a *violent parallel* in *Square* to the *Moon*, and in *opposition* to *Mercury*: and therefore violently placed, *Saturn* the principal Planet directed in this figure is in *Sagitary*, a sign of a Contrary nature to him, and there in *Conjunction* with the *Scorpions heart* according to Longitude. In a mundane Square with Mars, and under this qualification is the part of fortune directed to him as you have it before, and this assisted by the Sun to the Mundane parallel of Saturn, *pars fortunæ* to the Sesquiquadrate of Mercury, and to the Mundane parallel of Mars *motu Rapto*. With these Consider that at the Moment of the Revolution the Sun is Eclipsed; in Conjunction with Saturn in the twelfth house, as in this Ingress of the Sun into Libra he is with Mars, and all this in a Climacterical year. But that which is most Remarkable, Saturn at the same time by direction afflicts two of the prime Hylegiacals, and the only two assistants. And in the Revolution he afflicts the Sun and Moon by his presence, he being within 4 degrees of them, the Radical part of fortune by parallel, the Midheaven by opposition: and the Horoscope by Square. Now suppose the question was Asked, Whether a man of 55 years of age, under such a Crowd of directions, could live or not? why really I must needs say, if it was my own Brothers Case, I should not think it was possible for him to Escape with his Life.

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But to Conclude the Judgment of the whole year, and quarter in particular, I shall only add this, that there is various and many mutations at hand, and I believe the Effusion of some Blood also.

Observations on the twelve Months.

January: at the beginning of this Month the Sun meets the Square of *Saturn*, from which you may Expect some *damnable intrigue* of the *Papists*, newly Contrived of which you will hear more toward the End of the Month. But besides this, it shews the *death* of some old *infirm states-man*, or else he is turned out and discarded. It Likewise gives ground for new differences between great and eminent men, and that there shall arise quarrels between those that least expected it, according to that of *Bonatus*, *Erum vixa atque discordiæ inter divites & Magnatus.*

But at the *New Moon* in *January* we find an *opposition of Saturn* and *Mars* from the *first* and *seventh Houses*, and *Mercury* in the *fourth*, in *Square* to them both, the Effects of which particularly concern *England*. And it hath two sorts of Effects attend it: the first is, great differences among those of the *Government* [as they call themselves] by which means their present affairs are either neglected or put to a stand, andperhaps some Contrivance about a *foreign Army* next *May* or *June*. The second is, turning out divers of their *Creatures*, either becaufe they are *not able* or *not willing* to serve them any further, so that in *February* you may Expect that the *Eastwind* will rise and send in a new *cast of Catterpillars*.

Feburary: at the beginning of this Month we find the *Sun* in *Trine* to *Saturn* which promiseth preferment to some old *Cunning Hypocrite*, that was formerly *Kicked* out, is now received to Court again upon promise of obedience, *you know to what*. This month is spent in preferments to those that are qualified with *vertues* fit for it, and divers new *players* are brought in about this time.

March: The first thing Considerable here is, the *Sextile* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter*, and the *Square* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*: now if you make your Compute right between these two *Aspects*, it will make a very pleasant mixture fit for the time it falls in, *Sextile* is *great generous*, and *brave*, but the *Square* is all *trick*, *Cheat*, *Hypocrisy*, &c. So that I Conclude there will be about this time some *Clergymen* preferred, men of *Excellent parts* and great *profisients* in *Atheism*, *Socinianism*

niſm and *Popery*. For Example, ſuppoſe *Sam: Parker of Oxford*. or *Cartwright* of *Cheſter*: but whether it is from their preferring theſe Scandalous villains, or any other intricate cauſe I cannot ſay, but about this time the *Popiſh Councils* in *England* go on but Heavily, ſome *deſigns* takes air *to ſoon*, others are *fruſtrate*, and ſome of their own *Creatures diſappoint* them in their ſervice, tho many of them are *Rogues Enough*. The Laſt Monch ſeem'd to the Countenance a *Approaching war* with ſome neighbouring Nation, and much talk there was ſomething to be done by *Sea* and *Land*, but now all that noiſe is Laid aſide, and perhaps thoſe *preparations* then viſibly may be imployed to ſome other *Curſed deſign*, which is not yet publickly known.

April. From the *oppoſition* of the *Sun* and *Saturn* at the End of the Laſt Month you may Expect more *changes* and *Turnings* among thoſe called *Miniſters of State*, and if I miſtake not, there is now ſome new regulation among the *Eccleſiaſtical Commiſſioners*, and the *Square* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* tells you *for what*, that is, there are now new *Orders* and *Commands* ſent down to *Oxford*, and thoſe new *Gameſters* are to Execute them; but this is Certain, there is now ſome new villany to be acted by the *Papiſts* at *Oxford*, by what *Perſons* or what *Authority* I will not be poſitive. Beſides, this *Square* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* doth alſo pretend ſome difference among the *Clergy* and *Courtiers*, or elſe ſome *Conſiderable Clergymen* turned out of favour, perhaps both. *Mars* now in *Gemini* puts the *City* of *London* in fear, and there is good ground for it too. The *Sextile* of *Jupiter* and *Venus* ſpeaks great things about *Liberty*, *Religion*, and *Priviledges* but believe it who pleaſeth; but the double *ſquare* of *Jupiter* and *Mercury* gives ſome contentious Books and pamphlets about *Religion*, and the *Suns Eclipſe* threatnens *Ireland*.

May will not afford much action nor cauſe for it, but the affairs of this Month depend on the Influence of the laſt, only the Trine of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* gives ſome *Loyal Fellow* preferment in the Law, and it is to ſerve a particular end too: there is alſo at this time great Endeavours uſed to prepare the way for ſome *precious Villanies* to be acted in the next Month. The *Trine* of the *Sun* and *Saturn* gives ſome old *renegado* preferment in the City of *London*: alas *poor old Fop*: thou haſt lived to a fair age, turn---at laſt.

June. This is a Month of Action with a Witneſs: the *ſquare* of *Saturn* and *Mars* will (you need not queſtion) give villany enough, now they uſe Violence to prepare for *Wheedling*; for it is beſt *Fiſhing* in troubled *Waters*: new Inventions trumpt up, *Priviledges* and *Laws* invaded more than formerly; *Popery* appears more *bare-faced* than it uſed to do. Some *Child* topt upon a *Lawful Heir* to cheat them out of

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their *Right* and *Eſtate*, *God* preſerve the *Kingdom* of *England* from *Invaſion*. For about this time, I fear it in earneſt, and keep the *Proteſtants* there from being *Dragroon'd*. A Great *Clergy-man* or *Lawyer* dyes, and perhaps it may be judged by *Poiſon*. About the End of this Month or the beginning of the next, *a great Man* in *England* will be indiſpoſed and ſick, which will make many ready to *Beſh——themſelves*, but I will comfort them, the time is not yet come.

July, Is not leſs active than the preceeding Month: the *ſquare* of the *Sun* and *Saturn* will again put things into a ſtrange and unuſual *Ferment*, differences between great men grows ſtill *higher* and more violent and publick: the *Popiſh ſhams* will not do, neither will they paſs upon the people as they expected; and indeed they are too fulſom to be indured. With this the *Oppoſition* of *Jupiter* and the *Sun* takes place, and perhaps you will think it ſtrange, that a great man ſhould quarrel with his *Prieſts*, or they with him. But ſome ſuch things will be, and alſo *ſome Rogues* lately taken in turn'd out again. Theſe poſitions conſidered with the *Square* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* the ſecond time, and *Mars* on the place of the *laſt great Conjunction*, will put things into a very *violent poſture* and *ſtrange diſorder*. Thoſe that are *dipt in Treaſon*, now begin to be *deſperate*, believing the *Gallows* to be their due if the deſign periſh, as it undoubtedly will let them try all the *Tricks* they can, and make uſe of all the *treaſonable practices* that *Gadbury* and the *reſt of the Villians* can put them upon: for they are almoſt come to thier *ne plus ultra*.

Auguſt, The *ſquare* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* puts the whole faction upon Council, and the Queſtion is, *what ſhall be done next*. The Sun and *Mars* in *Leo* on the place of the *Conjunction* ſeems to ſhew their *Councils incline* to *violence*, and *blood*, and rather becauſe in *Leo* the *Aſcendent* of *Rome*. But their Councils are divided, and they cannot yet throughly agree; but on the 15*th*. day there is *a violent Lunation* in *Virgo*, and a *Conjunction* of the *Sun* and *Mars* a few days after in the ſame ſign, in *ſquare* to *Gemini* the *Aſcendent* of *London*, if ever the *Papiſts* put it upon a *bloody deſperate iſſue*, it is now at this time. But I think they will not, becauſe I believe they have not *courage* and *impudence* enough to do it, but I am ſure they are willing. *Sol & Mars conjuncti in Virgine, ſignificat Effuſionem ſanguinis*, and the reaſon is becauſe it is a humane ſign. Yet I am of the opinion that there will be divers ſorts of Violence attend it, and blood may be as well ſhed by the Law, out of a Malicious deſign, as if it were done publickly by the hand of *Mars*.

But I would now adviſe the People of *England* to provide themſelves with *Nets* of all ſorts, for they will ſhortly have great occaſion to uſe them. Your *Prieſts Nets* ought to be made *firm* and *good*, and as ſtrong as if you were to Catch *foxes* and *wild Boars* in them,

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for they are a *Crew of plaguy ſtrong Rogues*, Eſpecially thoſe that *Carry ſaints about with them*, and for this ſort of *Game* let your *Nets* be ſpread at *Charing-Croſs*, *London-Bridg*, *Graveſend*, *Dover*, and *Portſmouth*.

But the *Fudg-Nets* need not be altogether ſo ſtrong, ſuch as you uſed to *Catch Owles* and *Buzards* which will do well enough: and your beſt places to ſpread them in are the *Temple-ſtairs*, *Serjeants Inn-Gates*, and *Chancery-Lane*; You may alſo try your *Nets* to *Catch* three or *four Biſhops*, but in my opinion you had better *Angle* for them, and your beſt Bait, is a *Cardinals Cap*, with which you will be ſure to Catch them: you muſt be alſo provided for ſome Muſhroom Lords, it was the way formerly to Catch them by their *Honor*, but now you muſt not truſt to that, for theſe never had either *honor* or *honeſty*, and therefore your *Nets* and *Tackling* muſt be good. And for the reſt of the Crowd, whether they are *Knights*, *worthleſs Gentlemen*, or any of the *new Converted Tender-conſcienced Catholicks* in groſs, you may Catch them as they do *Larks in Winter* with a *Low bell* ſuppoſing it calls them to *Maſs*. And when you have taken your game, pray be careful and kind to to *George Jefferys* and *Sam. Parker*, for they deſerve abundance of Reſpect.

September, The trine of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* at the End of the laſt month ſeems to indicate *preferment* to ſome *Lawyer* or *Clergy-men* or both: and the *Trine* of *Jupiter* and *Mars* at the beginning of this Month gives advancement to a *Souldier*, for ſome Eminent ſervice by him done either by *Sea* or *Land*. And alſo there ſeems to be a noiſe and report of ſome great body of men to meet about matters of State, either in *Parliament* or ſome other *great Councils*, &c. *Mars* keeping Company with the *Sun* ſo Long will give an unwholſome and an unhealthy ſeaſon. Perhaps ſome new kind of *Feavers*, or a Diſtemper of the *Bowels* may enſue. The *Conjunction* of *Mars* and *Mercury* in *Libra* will Lay ſome knaviſh deſign either for Cheating or Thieving. But their being ſo near the *Sun Beams*, it may be diſcovered before they are aware, and they rewarded before they are willing.

October, Here are no leſs than five of the ſeven *Planets* in *Libra*, and ſuddenly after four of them in *Scorpio*. And all of them out of their dignities [terms excepted] this can be no other than great and *frequent meetings* to *Conſult* upon ſome affairs that ſeem to require both *Speed* and *Secrecy*. The *Planets* are *Saturn*, the Sun *Venus* and *Mercury*; here are People of all ſorts concerned in it: old *Young*, *Noble*, *Ignoble*, *Men*, *Women*, *Lawyers*, *Stateſmen*, &c. well let them go on with their deſign, and *manage* it as *well* and as *wiſely* as they and their Councellors can Contrive. But in the *next* place we find the Sun in *Conjunction* with *Saturn* in about 27 degrees of *Libra*, this

his is an untoward *position*, and I doubt will make *some peoples hearts ake*. *Saturn*, according to the Common notion in *Astrology* is ſtrong in *Libra*, it being his Exaltation, and the Sun is weak there, it being his fall. So that the Sun is afflicted by the preſence of *Saturn*, and I *Expect the death of ſome great Man for that reaſon*, &c. the *Eclipſe of the* Sun doth alſo ſhew the ſame, it being in the beginning of *Scorpio* among violent ſtars, and his death will be of the nature of *Saturn*, *Mars*, and *Mercury*, the *Square* of *Jupiter* and *Mars* from *Capricorn* and *Libra*, ſhews ſome great *Lawyer* or *Clergy-man*, or both, to be in an ill Condition; when the heavens frown, then it goes hard. In ſhort, I can tell you that this will be a Month of more *talk* than *trade*, *Farewel*.

November, This Month begins with two remarkable Aſpects, the firſt is the *ſextile* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter*; this ſhews that there is a *very great Lady* in *Europe*, that ſhall now Aſcend to *a very great degree and Honour and Grandeur, and long may ſhe injoy it with peace and plenty*, it is the Effects of her *Mid-heaven* to the body of the *moon* and *ſextile* of *Venus*, the *trine* of *Jupiter* not being far of: the ſecond is the *Conjunction* of *Saturn* and *Mars* on the place of the *laſt Eclips*; This ſhews the *ruin* and *deſtruction* of many men that a *few months* ago did little think thereof, and theſe men of *no ſmall quality*; it falls in *Scorpio* the *dignity* of *Mars* and a *fixt ſign*, and will be therefore both *violent* and *durable*: Let them look to the Conſequence thereof. Theſe two Aſpects would take up a *whole treatiſe* to Explain them, but I am Confin'd to a ſmall ſpace of Paper, and I need not tell you any more Effects of this Month, for theſe very actions will drownd all other affairt. *God keep all quiet at home.*

December Concludes this *wonderful year*, and indeed of the whole, the latter part is moſt to be admired, becauſe of the variety it produceth; for we find *Venus* on that Great *Lady's* Mid-heaven in *ſextile* to *Mars*, and *Jupiter* on the place of her *Radical* Moon in Conjunction with *Venus*, and about three Months preceding, *Jupiter* Stationary of the *degree* [almoſt] of her Mid-heaven; greater poſitions cannot be to concur ſo Exactly, and I doubt not but their *Effects* will be as *conſiderable*, and glorious. Nay I might add yet another, and that is on *Jupiter* on the place of her *Radical Moon* in *ſextile* of *Mars*, who is in the beginning of *Sagitary*, in *Exact ſextile* to her *Radical* Mid-heaven, and this near an Eminent *fixed ſtar* of the Nature of *Mars* and *Jupiter*: and ſo I will Conclude with that paſſage of the *Prophet* Iſaiah, chap. 66. v. 10. *Rejoyce ye with* Jeruſalem, *and be glad with her, all ye that Love her: Rejoyce for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her.*

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CONCLUSION.

Our Painter: Take a prospect from this Hill,
And on a well-spread Canvas shew thy skill.
Draw all in *Coulours* as they shall appear,
And as they stand in *merit* place them there.
Draw, as the *Heraulds* do, a spacious Field,
And as *directed* do, so let that be fill'd.
First, draw a *Popish Army Brisk* and *Gay*,
Fighting and *beat*, *destroy'd* and *run away*.
Then draw a *Hearse*, and let it stand in view
The *Mourners more*, far more than they're in shew,
Cursing their *fate*, their *Stars*, and in this fear
Shew if thou canst how these damn'd Sots prepare
To *Run*, or *stay*, and *Sculk* in holes alone,
By them this Motto, *Gallows claim thy own.*
Now to the Life, let thy *brisk Pencil* shew,
Distinctly, *who* they are, and *what's* their due.
Now draw a *Croud of Priests* prepar'd to run,
Like broken Merchants when their stocks are gone.
Some *Howling out their Prayers*, forget and say
Save us *Saint Ketch*, are all our *Saints* away?
Draw 'em in *hurry*, *running* to and fro,
Posting to *Dover*, *Portsmouth*, *Tyburn* too.
Next draw a *Crowd of Lords*, this *Label* by
The grt a'desing is lost. Alas, they Cry
Who'd serve a Cause of such Curst destiny!
Now draw *four Priests*, shew how they *Rome* adore,
And each mans *Scarf*, hang to be seen before.
Two brace of *Bishops*, fallen to despair,
Arm'd *Cap a pe*, but going God knows where.
Now shew the *Judges*, and with them thy skill
That all who see it done, may say, *'tis well.*
In *Caps* and *Gowns*, as they in order sate
Twixt *Heaven* and *Earth*, do thou 'em Elevate,
Their Learned *Noddles* can *Dispence* with that.
Now draw the *Little Rogues*, the *Scoundril Crew*,
Knights, *Knaves*, and *Beggers*, they must have their due
Gadbury, *Butler*, Ay and *Roger* too:
Amidst this Crowd, on a fit Spot of *Land*
To *Crown* the work, let a large *Gallows* stand.
All trembling by, Arm'd with their *Guilt* and *fears*
Kneel to t *Image*, and pour out their prayers.
And then dye by *suffocation.*